

committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives McCrery and Stark. **Page H6908**

Agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 3111 of the House bill. **Pages H6904–07**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 375, agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security material is being discussed. **Page H6949**

Project BioShield Act: The House passed H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security by a yea-and-nay of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 373. **Pages H6908–6941, H6947–48**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of July 15, and pursuant to that order, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and the Select Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk on July 15 was considered as adopted. **Pages H6908–41**

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages H6941–84**

Agreed To:

Mario Diaz-Balart amendment that makes funds available for implementing the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project contingent upon a joint report dealing with the water quality standards of the water entering the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park; **Pages H6974–76**

Proceedings Postponed:

Slaughter amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10 million and increase funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million with offsets from the National Park Service, Departmental Management, and National Forest System was offered. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6976–83**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Obeys en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for conservation programs with offsets from reducing the tax reduction by 3.21 percent to taxpayers with gross income of \$1 million; **Page H6963**

Section 139, Concerning Funds for Incidental Expenses by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; **Page H6973**

Section 137, Expedited Procedures for Indian Trust Accounting; **Pages H6973–74**

H. Res. 319, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 372. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by recorded vote of 206 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 370. The motion was debated on July 15;

Pages H6903–04

The House completed debate on the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308 that was noted on July 15. Further proceedings were postponed on the motion. Earlier, Representative Bell announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H6984–90**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6871.

Referral: S. 764 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H7011**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7020–21.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6902, H6902–03, H6903–04, H6946–47, H6947, H6948, H6948–49, and H6949. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

MID-SESSION REVIEW BUDGET U.S. GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS IMPROVE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on "Food for Thought: How to Improve Child Nutrition Programs." Testimony was heard from Vice Adm. Richard H. Carmona, M.D., The Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.; Betsy Clarke, Director, Women Infants and Children, Department of Health, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE—LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Legislative Efforts to Reform the U.S. Olympic Committee." Testimony was heard from public witnesses

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H. R. 2043, United States Financial Policy Committee for Fair Capital Standards Act; and H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003.

IMPROVE FEDERAL REORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND SPENDING

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Cutting Out Waste, Fraud, Mismanagement, Overlap and Duplication: Exploring Ideas for Improving Federal Reorganization, Management and Spending." Testimony was heard from Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, OPM; and Paul L. Posner, Managing Director Strategic Issues, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; and H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to

all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities.

GAO HUMAN CAPITAL REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing on "GAO Human Capital Reform: Leading By Example." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David M. Walker, Comptroller General; and Christopher A. Keisling, Employees Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIMES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Intellectual Property Crimes: Are Proceeds From Counterfeited Goods Funding Terrorism? Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General, INTERPOL; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2738, United States—Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 2739, United States—Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 49, amended, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act; and H.R. 1303, amended, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rule-making authority of the Judicial Conference.

OVERSIGHT—UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Technology and the House held an oversight hearing on the 1996 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act—"An Overview of Effectiveness and Opportunities for Enhancement." Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Etheridge; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

SUPERCOMPUTING: IS THE U.S. ON THE RIGHT PATH?

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Supercomputing: Is the U.S. on the Right Path? Testimony was heard from Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Peter A. Freeman, Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program and Courthouse related resolutions; H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Topmochichi United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 2274, to designate the United States courthouse at south Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse."

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FIDUCIARY AND FIELD EXAMINATION
ACTIVITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiduciary and Field Examination Activity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert J. Griffin, Inspector General; and Ronald J. Henke, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HUNT FOR AL-QAIDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hunt for al-Qaida. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

TRANSFER PHYSICAL AND ELECTRONIC
RECORD TO THE HOUSE REGARDING USE
OF FEDERAL AGENCY RECORDS—
INVOLVING TEXAS LEGISLATURE
MEMBERS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered adversely reported H. Res. 286, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 17, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulatory oversight of government sponsored enterprise accounting practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings to examine the improved understanding of the governance of the Department of Energy laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the importation of exotic species and the impact on public health and safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine nursing home quality, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine benefits for U.S. victims of international terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; S.J. Res.1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United